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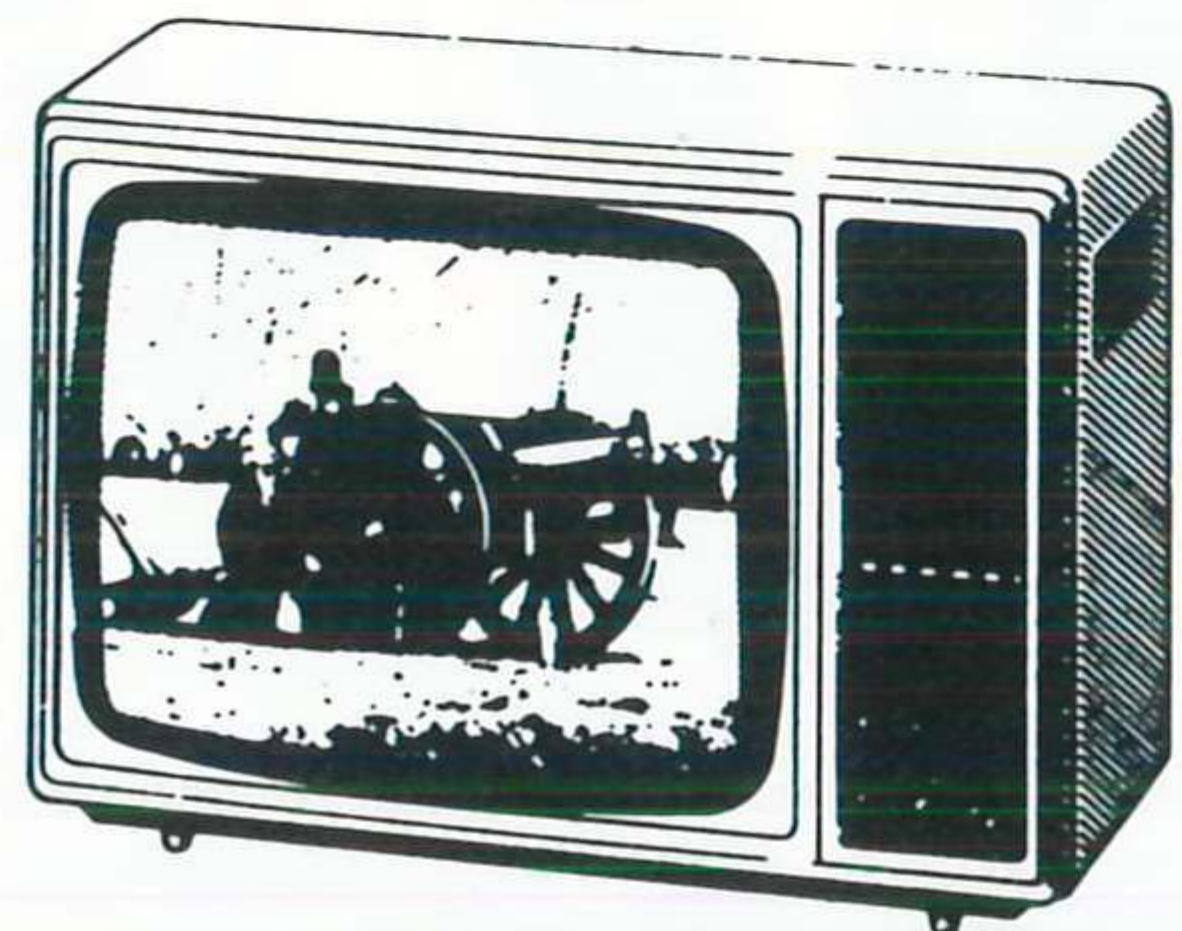
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JOHN MCGOVERN



Good afternoon and welcome to our good friends from Derby and welcome in particular to old pals Roy McFarland, Mike Jones and my old boss Peter Taylor who has returned to the Baseball Ground to mastermind the club's revival ambitions.

Derby have had a good run lately, losing only once in nine games so we will have to be on our toes this afternoon just as we were against QPR. Everyone must play to their maximum if we are to achieve a good result.

In welcoming The Rams, I would like to give a special mention to my old mate Archie Gemmill with whom I played both at Derby and Nottingham Forest in their highly successful seasons.

I'm only sad that I can't be competing against him this afternoon.

Times have changed for Archie, for Derby and for myself since the days when we reached the dizzy heights. But realistic, straight-thinking people like Taylor, McFarland and Gemmill, I feel sure, can help them through this season.

Like ourselves, Derby are hoping to consolidate their position in the Second Division this season with a view to challenging at the other end of the table next season.

Derby have managed to survive up to now thanks to a takeover by Mike Waterson, the well known snooker entrepreneur. Yet at one time a similar situation could have arisen here.

But the directors, with the launching of the Lifeline scheme and with plans to sell our training ground, have ensured our survival. And with further plans afoot to develop the ground the board is fighting tooth and nail to ensure that we don't need to face a takeover.

While they have been staging their fight, we have been doing our work out on the field and thanks to the support I know we can rely on from you the, supporters, I'm sure we will win the day.

In some ways it would have been easy for the directors to throw the towel in. But that is not the way.

Along with the 6,000 or so diehards who regularly give us their support, they typify the attitude we must all be prepared to adopt each week.

I was disappointed for our supporters who travelled to Shrewsbury last week. They were in such good voice and gave the team tremendous support without the reward of the result they were hoping for.

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FINE RUN GIVES DERBY HOPE

FROM: TONY PULLEIN

Derby have been close to the bottom of the Second Division table throughout the season and, with the weeks running out, it was beginning to look almost inevitable that they would drop into Division Three for next season. But a fine run of seven games without defeat in February and March gave them hope that, even at this late stage, they can still pull clear.

Their run began with a magnificent fight back at home to Leeds. Trailing 1-3 with half-an-hour to go, the Rams earned a 3-3 draw. They then won 3-1 at Chelsea and followed this with a 2-0 home victory over Grimsby. A draw at Leicester (1-1) and a good home draw with Wolves (1-1) took Derby's unbeaten run to five games. This was followed by a goalless draw at Cambridge. Then a 0-0 draw at home to Sheffield Wednesday last Saturday.

Though they had been, until then, struggling to get results in the Second Division, Derby reached the fifth round of the F.A. Cup with home wins over Nottingham Forest (2-0) and Chelsea (2-1) before being beaten (0-1) at home by Manchester United.

Cup success came as a welcome bonus though, after all the haggling and uncertainties that marred the opening half of the season. The club was taken over by Mike Watterson, who took responsibility for its debts and who brought Peter Taylor out of retirement to return to the Baseball Ground as general manager.

Roy McFarland, the former England centre-back and Bradford City manager, was appointed team-manager.

Derby, a First Division club as recently as in 1980, were bottom of the Second Division when Mr Taylor arrived and there was clearly much work to be done. His first priority was to sign a proven midfield general — and there are still few finer examples of that breed than Scottish international Archie Gemmill.

Mr Taylor then invested a £55,000 fee in Halifax's leading goal-scorer Bobby Davidson whose tally of 12 goals this season included a hat-trick at Wimbledon.

In an effort to stiffen a shaky defence Mr Taylor spent a further £100,000 to sign Oldham and former England under-21, centre-back Paul Futcher. His latest signing is Oxford striker Andy Thomas who arrived in a swap for defender Brian Attley.

So far, their victory at Chelsea (3-1) is Derby's only away win of the season.

They drew at Charlton (1-1), Grimsby (1-1), Barnsley (1-1), Burnley (1-1), Oldham (2-2), Leicester (1-1) and Cambridge (0-0) but, were beaten at Q.P.R. (1-4), Leeds (1-2), Wolves (1-2), Sheffield Wednesday (0-2), Fulham

(1-2), Newcastle (0-1) and Carlisle (0-3) in Second Division games.

In the Milk Cup they lost 1-2 at Halifax but, by winning their home leg 5-2 after extra-time, won the tie on aggregate.

Derby were a trifle lucky to beat another Fourth Division club in the next round. Derby drew 4-4 on aggregate with Hartlepool but went through on away goals.

They ultimately lost 1-3 at Birmingham.

There can be no doubt that the highlight of their season was that astonishing victory over Forest in the F.A. Cup. It brought new manager Peter Taylor into direct conflict with his former club where he had been assistant to Brian Clough.

Though Derby were bottom of the Second Division, and Forest held fourth place in Division One, goals from Archie Gemmill and Andy Hill gave the Rams a remarkable 2-0 victory.

Like many of the old-established League clubs, of course, Derby have suffered long voids without success in the past. The club was founded in 1884 and was one of the founder members of the Football League in 1888.

Up until the second World War they moved quite regularly between the top two divisions but it wasn't until 1946 that they won the F.A. Cup for what is still the only time in their history. They had been beaten in previous finals in 1898, 1899 and 1903.

With such players as Raich Carter and Peter Doherty, Derby enjoyed a few eventful years immediately after the last war but by 1953 their great decline had begun. Two years later the Rams fell into the Third Division (North) for the first time.

It took them two years to work their way out of that division and they then spent a dozen years building for their return to the First Division in 1969. Three years later they won the League Championship for the first time. They repeated that success in 1975.

Those titles were gained during the managership of Brian Clough and Dave Mackay. Since then Derby have switched managers regularly. Colin Murphy and Tommy Docherty came and went and Colin Addison inherited enormous problems when he took over in July 1979.

Not surprisingly, relegation followed a year later but the board, recognising that Mr Addison could in no way be held responsible, gave the manager its complete backing at that stage.

The axe fell on Mr Addison in January 1981 and the job was given to his assistant Johnny Newman who remained in charge until this season's change of ownership of the club.

DERBY COUNTY



Back row left to right: Mick Jones (Coach), Kevin Wilson, George Foster, John McAlle, Paul Blades, Steve Cherry, Ian Dalziel, Glen Skivington (on loan to Halifax Town), John Barton, Brian Attley (on loan to Oxford United), Garry Mills, Gordon Guthrie (Physio), Roy McFarland (Team Manager).
Front row: Bobby Davison, John Richards (now Wolves), Dave Swindlehurst (now West Ham United), Archie Gemmill, Peter Taylor (Manager), Steve Powell, Mike Brolly, Steve Buckley.

STEVE CHERRY (Goalkeeper). Steve made his League debut for the Rams in 1979/80 but, until recently, had been the reserve 'keeper. In 1981/82 he went to Port Vale on loan.

JOHN BARTON (Defender). John was signed on a free-transfer from Everton on the eve of last season's deadline. The Toffees had spotted him playing for Worcester City and, when they signed him in 1978, the £30,000 fee was a record for a non-League player.

PAUL FUTCHER (Defender). Paul began his career with Chester and was still a teenager when transferred to Luton for £100,000 in 1974. Four years later he moved on to Manchester City for £350,000 and it was while at Maine Road that he took his number of England under-21 caps to 11. Oldham signed him for £200,000 in 1980 and his latest transfer to Derby a few weeks ago was concluded for a fee of £100,000.

STEVE POWELL (Defender/Midfield). Steve joined Derby as a schoolboy and served his apprenticeship with the club. He made the first appearance in their League eleven in 1972. Steve is a former England under-23 international.

GEORGE FOSTER (Defender). George served his apprenticeship with Plymouth, making 250 first-team appearances. While with Argyle, he was loaned to Torquay and Exeter. Derby signed him for £40,000 last summer.

STEVE BUCKLEY (Defender). Steve grew up with Luton Town and made his League bow for the Hatters in 1974. He won an immediate first-team spot and went on to make 123 League appearances before moving on to Derby for £150,000 in 1978.

JOHN McALLE (Defender). John was signed from Sheffield United last season, initially on loan. He spent most of his career with Wolves and, after making his League debut in 1968, completed well over 400 League appearances for the Molineux club before joining Sheffield United for £10,000 in 1981.

MIKE BROLLY (Midfield). Mike arrived at the Baseball Ground last summer after a six-year spell with Grimsby. He began with Chelsea but made only eight League appearances before joining Bristol City in 1974. Grimsby signed him two years later.

GARY MILLS (Midfield). Gary was only 16 when he made his League bow for Nottingham Forest in 1978. Derby signed him last summer. Gary is an England youth and under-21 cap. He also played for England as a schoolboy — at Rugby!

ARCHIE GEMMILL (Midfield). Archie, capped by Scotland on 43 occasions, is in his second spell with the Rams. He began his career with St. Mirren and moved into English football with Preston in 1967. Derby initially signed him for £50,000 in 1970 and he won two League Championship medals before moving into Nottingham Forest for £130,000 in 1977. Two years later he joined Birmingham for £150,000. Released at the end of last season, he turned out for Wigan this season before returning to Derby.

KEVIN WILSON (Forward). Kevin joined Derby from Banbury United in December 1979 and was given his first run in their League eleven during the closing weeks of 1979/80.

ANDY HILL (Forward). Andy was given his first run in the Rams' senior team last season when he scored twice in only six League outings.

BOBBY DAVISON (Forward). Bobby was signed from Halifax for £55,000 earlier this season. He moved from Huddersfield to Halifax in 1981 and last season topped Halifax's scoring list with 21 goals.

ANDY THOMAS (Forward). Andy has recently joined Derby from Oxford in exchange for defender Brian Attley. Andy served his apprenticeship with Oxford, made his League debut in 1980/81 and last season topped their scoring list with 18 goals.

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CLUB NEWS

PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

Today's game with Derby will be the 100th football league meeting between the Clubs. To date the Rams have the better record having won 47 games to the Wanderers 36.

Derby were in fact the first ever visitors to Bolton for a football league game when on the 8th September 1888 they won 6-3 at Pikes Lane. The Wanderers gained ample revenge the following season with a 7-1 victory in the same fixture, this score still remaining as the best win to date against today's visitors.

Incidentally Derby's best win came in season 1893-94 when they triumphed by 6-1 at the Baseball Ground.

The Rams have won on sixteen of their previous visits to Bolton, their best run being in games played between 1929-30 and 1937-38 when they won on all but one occasion that being in March 1933 which resulted in a 1-1 draw. During this period they also won all their home games against the Wanderers giving them a run of fifteen games without defeat, the run coming to an end in March 1939 when goals from George Hunt and Ray Westwood gave the Wanderers a 2-1 win.

Derby's last win here came in March 1980 when they won 2-1 in a First Division relegation battle. Unfortunately, the result counted for nothing as both Clubs were relegated at the end of that season.

Last season's fixture ended with a last gasp goal from Chris Thompson to give the Wanderers a 3-2 win which eventually saved the Club from relegation to the Third Division. Thompson also scored another with Tony Henry also getting on the score-sheet for Bolton with Brian Atley and Charlie George netting for Derby before a crowd of 5,226.

Earlier this season a goalless draw resulted at the Baseball Ground, a game which saw the Wanderers and their dismal away form and also gave Steve Thompson his football League debut.

Our paths have crossed just once in the League Cup when as a Second Division club Bolton won 2-1 at Derby who were then riding high in the First Division. This being a 5th round tie in season 1976-77.

In the FA Cup the Wanderers have also had the better of things having won 3 of the 4 meetings, the last being a third round tie here at Burnden in January 1982 when they won 3-1.

FLASHBACK

15 years ago: 23rd March 1968. The Wanderers visited Derby County and went down to their fourth consecutive defeat by 2-1. Dave Lennard returned to the side for the first time since the previous November and John Ritson came into midfield for only his third league appearance of the season.

30th March 1968. Preston North End visited Burnden in a traditional Lancashire derby. A crowd of 14,421 saw a goalless draw.

10 years ago: 21st March 1973. Goals from Stuart Lee and Jimmy Redfern were enough to defeat Shrewsbury Town at Burnden. Redfern was making only his second league appearance of the season in place of the injured John Bryom.

24th March 1973. The Wanderers were still without leading goalscorers Garry Jones and John Byrom but managed to come away with a point in a 1-1 draw at Southend. Peter Taylor had given the home side the lead with a 20 yard free kick but Paul Jones headed the equaliser from a Ronnie Phillips corner.

28th March 1973. The highest league attendance of the season 33,010 saw promotion rivals Blackburn Rovers become the first side of the season to win at Burnden in the Third Division fixture. The winning goal came from Derek Fazackerley in the 77th minute but Bolton were again without their recognised strike force.

5 years ago: 21st March 1978. Bolton went down by 2-1 at Luton Town for their first defeat in nine league games. Paul Jones scored the Wanderers goal 2 minutes from time but it was not enough as goals from Alan West and Phil Boersma won the points for the home side.

25th March 1978. Blackpool were the visitors to Burnden and went away with a 2-1 defeat. Peter Reid and Paul Jones scored the Wanderers goals with the seashiders reply coming from a Micky Walsh penalty.

27th March 1978. The Wanderers visited Notts County for an Easter Monday game and came back with a point from a 1-1 draw. Mick Vinter had given County the lead after only two minutes but Neil Whatmore equalised with his 18th goal of the season in the 38th minute.

RESERVE REPORT

9th March 1983 Bolton Reserves 6 Port Vale Reserves 2

The reserves kept up their chance of winning the Central League Second Division Championship with an impressive 6-2 win over bottom club Port Vale, whilst leaders Nottingham Forest were losing at home on the same evening.

It took only two minutes for the Wanderers to take the lead when Chris Thompson shot home from 15 yards after a delightful move involving Ian Moores and Steve Thompson.

It was Moores who again had a hand in the second goal scored in the 13th minute. He controlled the ball with his trusty left foot before scooping the ball over a defender to allow Andy Hodkinson to shoot home past the helpless Vale keeper McAdam.

The Potteries side pulled a goal back in the 21st minute when Earl latched onto a mistake by the Wanderers defence to place the ball past Simon Farnworth in the Wanderers goal.

Steve Thompson had the honour of scoring the Wanderers 50th Central League goal of the season, when Chris Thompson broke through the Vale defence before setting up his namesake to smash a right foot shot into the roof of the net.

On the stroke of half time Ian Moores headed home a cross from Mike Bennett to give the Wanderers a commanding lead.

Five minutes into the second half Moores scored his second and Bolton's fifth when he ran half the length of the field before coolly shooting home.

The sixth for the Wanderers came in the 74th minute when Steve Thompson shot home after a hesitant Vale defence had let him run through.

Bright pulled back a consolation goal for the visitors just on time to end an entertaining game.

TEAM: Farnworth, Davies, Bennett, McGovern, Berry, Booth, S. Thompson, C. Thompson, Moores, Hodkinson, Phillips, Sub: Gautrey.

16th March 1983 Bolton Reserves 2 Barnsley Reserves 1

The reserves came back from a goal down to defeat Barnsley by 2-1 in atrocious conditions. It was obvious from the start that mistakes would be made as the middle of the field and the goalmouth were like quagmires due to the persistent rain.

It was such a mistake that gave Barnsley the lead when in the 26th minute a Mike Bennett pass across his own goalmouth left the ball sticking in the mud to leave John Bukovina the simple task of scoring from 8 yards out.

The Wanderers fought back and were thwarted by a brilliant save by Barnsley keeper Bobby Horn from a Chris Thompson diving header.

Wanderers keeper Simon Farnworth was also kept busy when he had to dive bravely at the feet of Colin Airey to prevent a certain goal.

The Wanderers equalised in the 38th minute when they were awarded a free kick 25 yards out after Chris Thompson had been fouled. Free kick expert Warren Joyce blasted home although the ball took a deflection off a Barnsley player on its way into the net.

The second half saw Bolton on top with shots from Steve Thompson and Jimmy Phillips both being well saved by Horn. They eventually took the lead in the 53rd minute when Chris Thompson shot home from an acute angle after some fine work by Andy Hodkinson.

The Wanderers had a lucky escape when in the 73rd minute Barnsley substitute Agnew should have scored into an empty net. Luckily for the Wanderers the ball stuck in the mud on the goalline after the winger had turned away thinking he had scored.

TEAM: Farnworth, Davies, Bennett, Gautrey, Berry, Booth, S. Thompson, C. Thompson, Joyce, Hodkinson, Phillips, Sub: Keighley for C. Thompson (65 minutes).



JUNIOR WHITES

Today's mascot is Keiran Mann of Dunoon Drive, Astley Bridge, Bolton. Keiran is 12 years old and attends Thornleigh School. He enjoys playing football especially as a forward and his favourite player is Tony Henry who last week joined Oldham.

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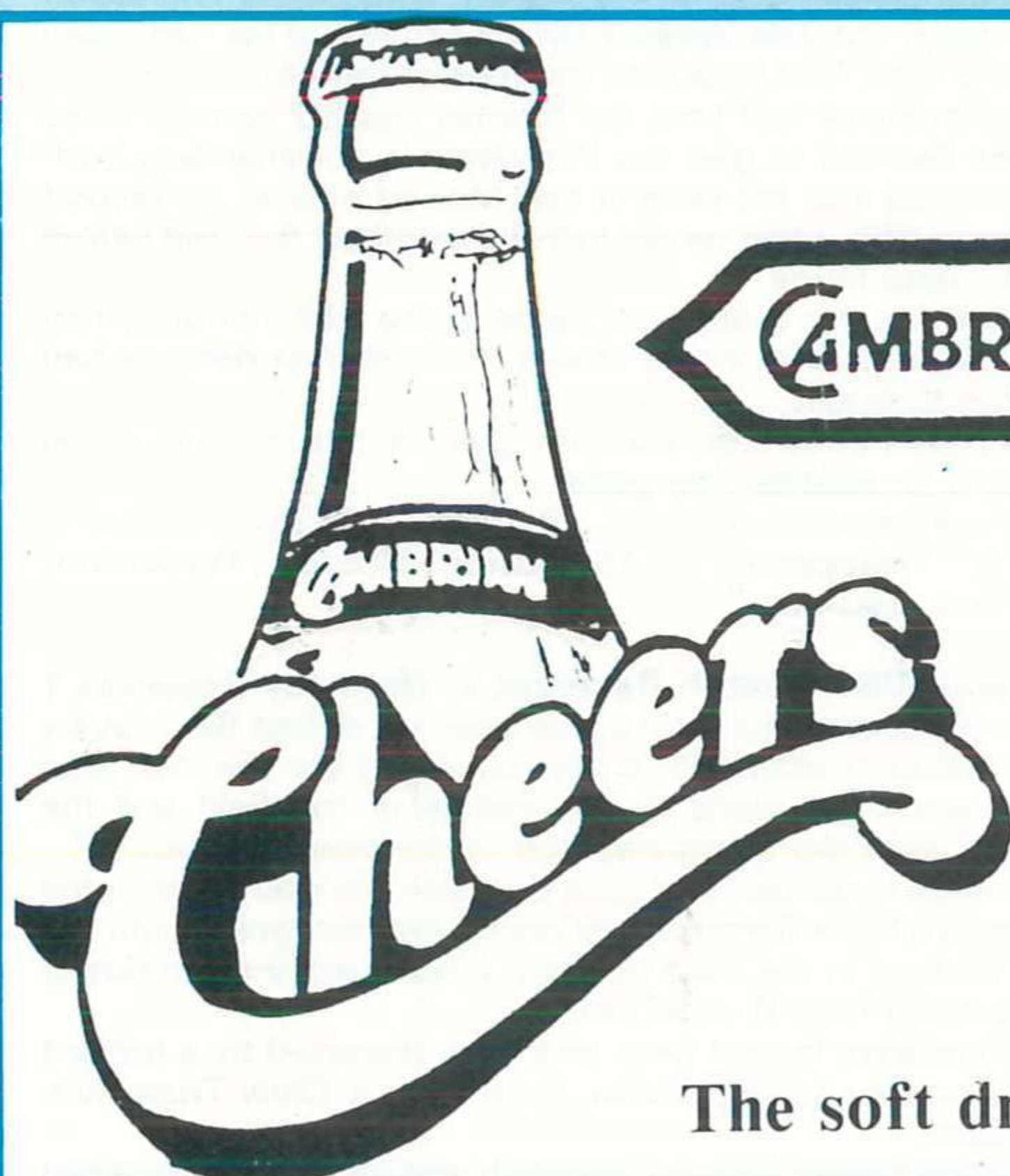
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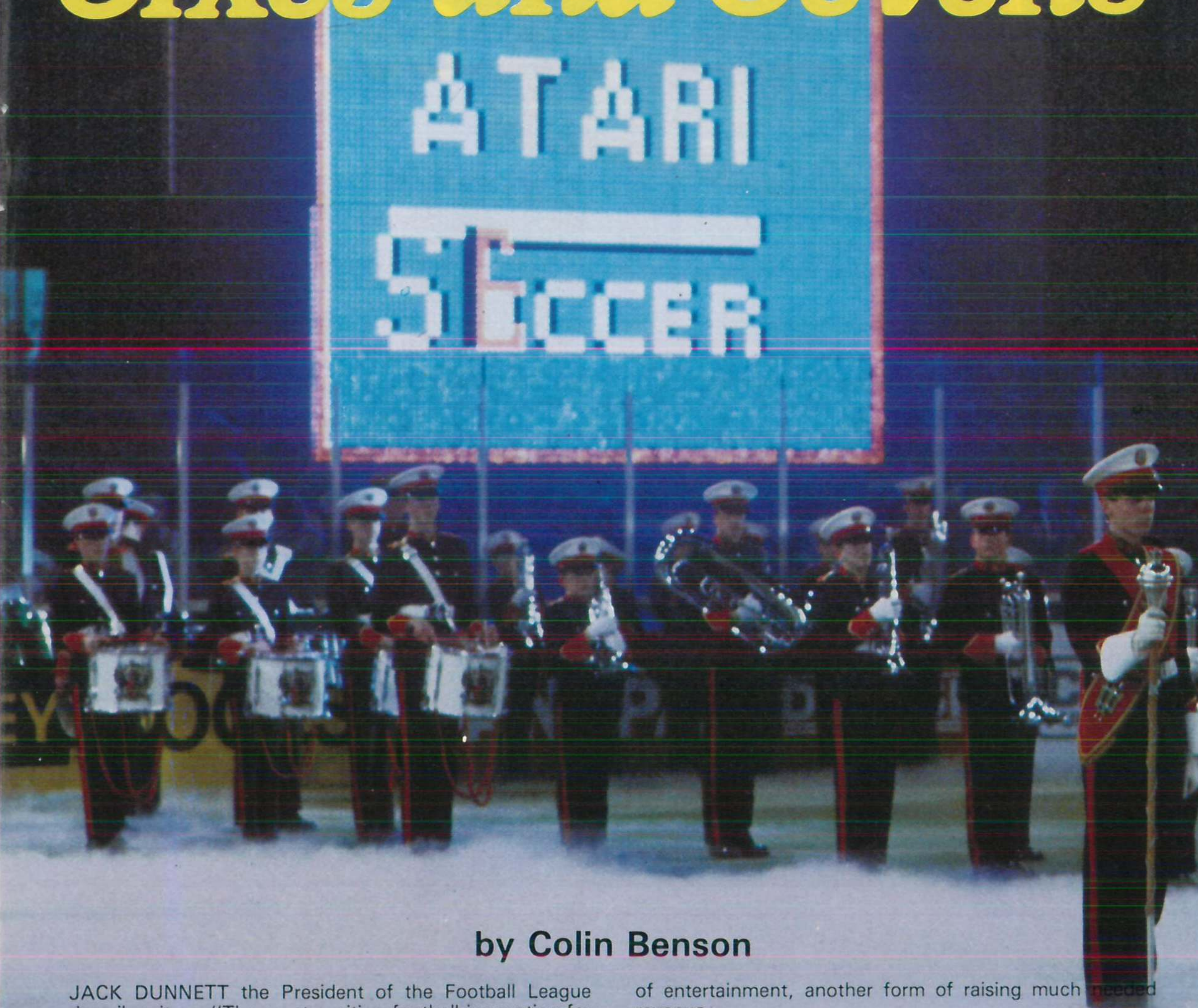
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Soccer at Sixes and Sevens



by Colin Benson

JACK DUNNETT the President of the Football League describes it as: "The most exciting football innovation for years." Graham Kelly the Secretary of the League simply says: "It is the game the fans wanted." What are they talking about? Soccer 6, the all-action indoor game which packed the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham, two nights running.

Like any new concept the Atari Soccer 6 was not without its critics but to suggest that this Americanised version of our national game has no future is completely missing the point.

Although because of its very nature one tends to think of football as first and foremost a sport it is not always practical to maintain the "Corinthian" image under the hard realities of the professional game, and as far as the Football League is concerned, football is much more a business than a sport.

And it is from the business angle that the indoor game should be reviewed. Indeed there is no reason to compare it with the outdoor game at all, simply treat it as another form

of entertainment, another form of raising much needed revenue.

The decline in Football League attendances which have dropped from 40,517,865 in the season of 1949-50 to last season's all-time low of 20,006,961 is ample indication of the changing social habits of the British people. The main reason 20 million fans have turned their back on the game is not because standards have dropped that much, or because of the hooligan element, or because of the facilities or lack of them at grounds, neither is it because of the cost of admission. In truth it is probably a little of all of those things plus many more contributing factors not least the rapid development of the Leisure industry.

Yes people are participating much more in activities themselves these days and therefore have less time to watch others perform. That is not to say that the spectator sport is dead, far from it, but the requirements of the watching public have altered.

Football's administrators might do well to take notice of the incredible rise in popularity of games like basketball and

Soccer at Sixes and Sevens



Arsenal 'keeper George Wood spreads himself during the Soccer 6's.

snooker. Their success stems from their exposure on television. They have provided a product which fills the screen with non-stop action for the complete broadcast, and like ice hockey provides instant entertainment.

RHETORIC

Six-a-side football has the same impact. Although the Atari Sixes were very much Anglicised, the sporting spectacle was still wrapped up in a theatrical package.

From the marching band to the entry of the gladiators, and the action replays in colour on the giant Diamond Vision screen, the whole circus was stage managed to ensure that young and old got the maximum value for their money.

And the audiences on both evenings were very much family affairs with women and children prominent. From the opening moments when the spotlights focused on the players, and they made their arm waving entry to a backcloth of heavy steel guitars this was soccer showbiz style.

There was even a compare to keep everyone abreast of events. Perhaps we could have done without Dave Ismay's and Tony Stephens's continual rhetoric however.

As the buzzer sounded the half-way stage of the Birmingham City v Swansea City game with the Blues trailing 1-0, the earlobes were blasted with statistics: "In the opening game last season Blues had 28 shots in the first-half and won 6-0," reported Stephens over the public address system. He continued: "Tonight the Blues managed only eight shots both on and off target which probably accounts for them losing 1-0."

And as if that wasn't enough for the poor Blues fans who were well aware their favourites 'hadn't done no good' the

salt was rubbed in the wound as the speaker continued: "Swansea had two shots, both penalties, both on target. One in and one missed."

Comedian Dave Ismay's insatiably irritating American habit for stating the obvious kept telling us what we had just seen: "Curbishley hit the bar. What a cracking shot!" he screamed. But I suppose it was all part of the image and one can try and ignore it if they are so inclined.

But don't let the wrapping detract from the product. The actual ball game — there now they have got me slipping into those Americanisms already — was superb.

FINANCIAL WINNER

The indoor game because of its more intimate setting generates plenty of atmosphere and the excitement at the NEC was as charged as that at any big fight night at the Wembley Pool.

The bright white lighting above the arena, the colourful playing strips contrasting with the intense green Poligras playing surface provided a vivid technicolour setting for a unique sporting occasion.

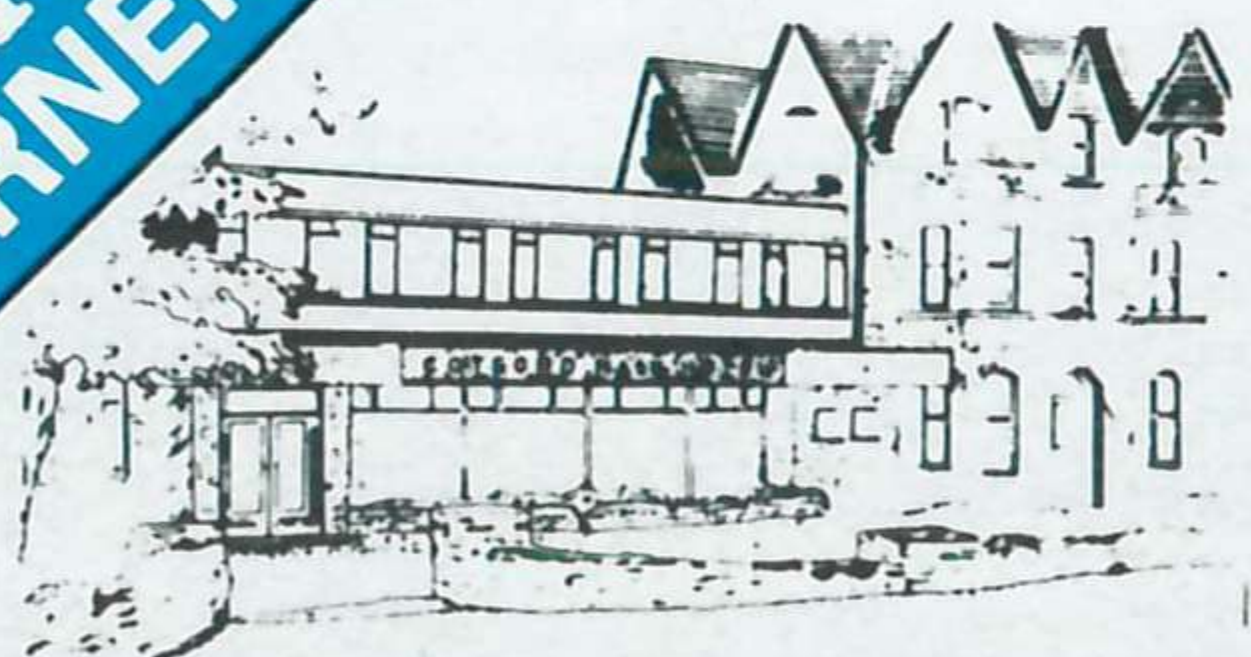
The football on large was skilful fast and exceedingly competitive. With sin-bins to meet out instant punishment, penalties awarded against teams who fail to retain a player in the opponents' half within five seconds of the kick-off, and the ball in play for most of the game, there was little room for negative play.

West Bromwich Albion secretary Tony Rance agreed. He said: "It is a new product and was very successful. In fact there wasn't a lot wrong with it and with one or two slight adjustments it could be a financial winner."

One alteration could be to widen the goals. They were only 12ft wide against 22ft in the normal 5-a-side game. Maybe Southampton's England goalkeeper Peter Shilton would not agree after conceding seven goals in three matches but of the competition he said: "It's great I thoroughly enjoyed it. I think this game is a bit better than the 5-a-side game because it provides a lot more variation."

For sheer atmosphere this bland mixture of greasepaint and linament takes some beating and it is easy to see why it

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has been such a success in North America where they have introduced an indoor league and play regularly to audiences of 15,000 plus.

Accordingly I can foresee a future for the indoor game here, not as a replacement for the Football League but as an addendum to it.

SUMMER SOCCER

Just think of the income a Football League National Sixes Championship could generate, if it was staged during the close-season. And to make it really work why not reshuffle the whole structure of the game and do what the FLESA members suggested and turn to summer soccer.

This entails running the Football League Championship and Milk Cup from March to November with the close-season covering the most hostile months weatherwise, of December, January and February.

Thus the outdoor game would be played when the climate is more conducive to outdoor activities and the indoor game could provide a lucrative income during the more inclement winter months.

Some of the bigger glamour clubs might be inclined to reject this out of hand as they would forfeit their gold digging summer tours. But as many clubs think nothing of flying off to the Middle East for an odd match in mid-season I am sure alternative games could be scheduled to overcome this problem, particularly if the League was re-organised to accommodate a First Division of 16 clubs.

I would envisage a competition comprising 20 teams located in four locations as follows:

London: Arsenal; Tottenham Hotspur; Ipswich; Watford; West Ham United.

The South: Brighton & Hove Albion; Southampton; Crystal Palace; Portsmouth; Swansea City.

The Midlands: Aston Villa; Birmingham City; Coventry City; Nottingham Forest; West Bromwich Albion.

The North: Manchester United; Manchester City; Liverpool; Everton; Stoke City.

These selections are only suggestions. Perhaps the entrants could be decided on final league positions in much the same way as qualification for the UEFA Cup is decided,

I don't know. That is all part of the actual mechanics and does not really apply at this stage.

LIVE TV

The London group matches could be staged at either Earls Court or Olympia. The Brighton Conference Centre could hold the Southern area while the Midlands would obviously use the NEC. The only difficult area to house is the north but maybe somewhere like the now defunct Central Station in Manchester could be adapted.

The mechanics of the competition would be simply that the competitors in each group would play each other — 10 matches in each region, 40 matches in total. The two top teams from each Group would go through to the quarter-finals which would be played on a straight knock-out basis. The winners advancing to the semi-final — to be played over two legs home and away. The Final night would then feature the two losers playing for third place and the two winners battling out the final.

In all this formula would provide 50 competitive matches and if the areas were to stagger their playing days such as London on Saturday evening, the Midlands on Monday evening and so on there would be even more capacity for live TV.

A conservative estimate suggests that with gate receipts, sponsorship and a contract for live television coverage the League could expect to net something in the region of between £1½ and £2 million over the close season.

The main competition could also be supplemented by a Youth tournament embracing the youth teams of the competing clubs. As it seems this format attracts a family audience that could go down well.

On paper it all seems so easy and of course it isn't. There would be many problems to iron out not least the complex fixtures involving international and European cup commitments, not to mention the availability of the locations to house the sixes competition itself.

But nothing is insurmountable and as football is in the entertainment business and all are agreed that the fans want Kentucky Fried Chicken football, then why not give it to them with some relish.



Goalkeeper Tony Coton helps Birmingham City to the title with another fine save against Ipswich in the final



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The new UEFA Promotional Emblem.

With the images of Spain '82 still fresh in the memory, France is determined to show the world that she really is a great footballing nation, when they host the finals of the 1984 European Championship in June '84.

Fernand Sastre, the President of the French Football Federation, says: "There is no single league, district or club anywhere in France, no matter how big or how small, which should not feel involved."

Preparation for this most prestigious event is already underway from Paris to St. Etienne and is receiving full governmental and local civic support in the seven locations at which the tournament will be played.

This is the fifth European Championship since the competition was introduced in 1966, as the successor to the rather more modest European Nations Cup. The first finals were held in Italy in 1968 when just four countries took part; England, Italy, Russia and Yugoslavia and the Italians emerged as winners after a replayed final with Yugoslavia.

Since then, the Federal Republic of Germany has won the trophy twice and Czechoslovakia once. In the meantime the format of the competition has changed and now the final tournament involves the organising country plus the winners of seven qualifying groups.

Accordingly France as hosts are automatically into the finals and there was a record entry of 32 of the remaining 33 UEFA member countries with only little Liechtenstein not taking part. The seven qualifying groups involve 116 qualifying matches.

Like the World Cup itself, the European Championship runs over a four-year cycle and although it was first envisaged as an ideal opportunity for national teams to use it as a launching pad for the World Cup, which follows in two years, it has in fact emerged as a major footballing event in its own right.

Indeed it could be argued that the European Championship is much more difficult to win than the world crown itself, the finals of which are diluted by the inclusion of third-world footballing nations such as Algeria; Cameroon; El Salvador; Kuwait; Honduras and New Zealand who all participated in the World Cup Finals in Spain last summer.

There are of course weaker nations participating in the European Championship but none can gain an easy ticket through to the finals by courtesy of an easy group. All must compete and take their chances with the established footballing giants and thus if a minor footballing nation such as Finland; Luxembourg; Norway; Cyprus; Turkey; Albania; Iceland or Malta was to emerge in the last eight it would be on merit.

So only the strongest survive and that produces a final series of quality. Apart from the inclusion of Brazil and Argentina one could not muster a stronger group of footballing talent and that speaks volumes for the strength of the game in Europe.

Two years ago in Italy the last eight comprised of Italy, West Germany, Belgium, England, Spain, Holland, Czechoslovakia and Greece — a strong field even if the observing Argentine national team manager Cesar Luis Menotti dismissed the standard as "appalling". He was to learn a costly lesson in Barcelona two years later when Belgium defeated his world champions 1-0 in the opening game of the '82 World Cup Final series.

And this season the competition is expected to be even tougher as Europe's elite battle it out for a place in the finals. Italy the World Champions, entered the tournament as favourites, yet might not even reach the final series. West Germany the losing finalists in Madrid last July are also struggling after defeat at the hands of Northern Ireland.

Third placed Poland could also be eliminated from a qualifying group containing Russia, Portugal and Finland, such is the changing face of international football.

The European Championship is UEFA's big money spinner and as such is being launched with all the trimmings of commercial enterprise. A new promotional emblem has been devised in conjunction with ISL Marketing Limited, a PR com-

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pany based in Lucerne, Switzerland, and we can expect the finals to be exploited to the maximum.

The President of UEFA, Dr Artemio Franchi, emphasised the importance of commercial anticipation when he said: "A major football tournament can no longer be regarded in isolation in the football world today. It has to be seen as an integral part of the whole international football activity, which itself forms a vital part of daily life quite independent of the economic, political or social circumstances which differ from one country to another.

"There is no doubt that in the last few decades, sport — and especially football — has gained a special social and economic status and has become a phenomenon of our age.

"Football had always been of a certain importance, it is true, but its influence on daily life had been limited. But now the terminology of the game forms part of our speech-patterns, success or failure on the football field affects not only those directly connected with the game but can also have its repercussions on the economic and other aspects of life in the countries concerned.

"The European Football Union is fully aware of these implications. But UEFA also knows how vital it is up to uphold sporting values by maintaining strict control of its competitions and also by remaining active in fields of activity on the fringe of the game itself, all the time preserving its own identity."

And so the new emblem is intended to be used in connection with all commercial, publicity and non-football projects, with which the game is so closely linked.

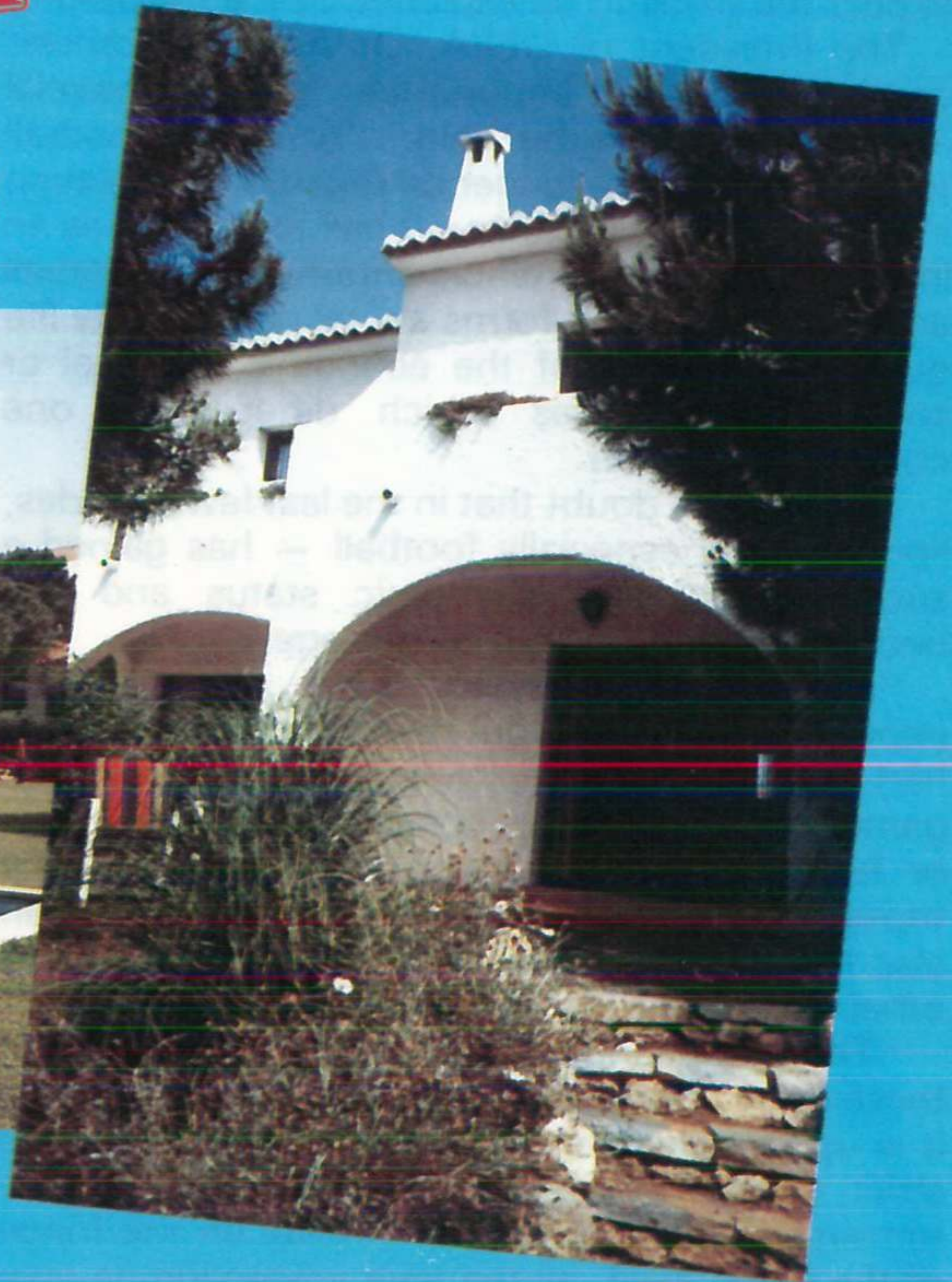
The French FA have also adopted a slightly modified version of the new emblem as their official trademark for the European Finals. By adapting the symbolised UEFA flag colours of blue, gold and red into the blue, white and red of the French Tricolore and adding the figures 84, they have associated the emblem exclusively with the 1984 European Championship.

Miss France 1983, Isabelle Turpault, a 19 year-old Paris secretary, makes a pretty picture in her new European Championship shirt.

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BRADLEY'S BRIEF

RAY BRADLEY OF THE 'SUNDAY EXPRESS'

Brian Clough is brash, unpredictable, intrepid, rude and frequently ruthless. An outspoken man who can be as prickly as a porcupine to the Press yet a magic motivator in the dressing room.

But love him or hate him you just cannot ignore the man who keeps Forest ticking . . . like a time bomb ready to explode if you touch one exposed wire.

As Liverpool move nearer to a peak of perfection and their championship rivals begin to fade in frustration, Forest are again beginning to flex their muscles, refresh their batteries and are threatening to explode again under the dynamic Clough who always relishes a new challenge.

Clough has ruthlessly rebuilt a side that has slipped off the pedestal of perfection he demands by cutting his wage bill dispensing with stars who refused to conform to the pattern and bringing in new blood to restore discipline in the ranks.

England goalkeeper Peter Shilton, Trevor Francis, Peter Ward, Justin Fashanu, Jurgen Roever, Raimondo Ponte and Gary Mills are among those who have moved on to make way for new men.

Their places have been filled by a mechanic mixture of old and new parts to get the Forest machine back on the title track in good running order, oiled by the experience of Colin Todd and skipper Ian Bowyer — two tried and trusted men who have served Clough nobly in the past.

The return to the Forest fold of Garry Birtles has sparked off the ignition up front and rejuvenated the skills of Ian Wallace while the wiles of the evergreen John Robertson on the wings gives them a balance that others envy.

Youngsters like Steve Hodge, Colin Walsh and Brynn Gunn have slotted into place and the arrival of Kenny Swain from Villa has given the side a cutting edge to round off a side that has almost been completely reshaped in the past 12 months.

Nobody epitomises the new spirit of Forest better than that teak-tough Scot Willie Young, a battle-scarred Scottish defender who has had his clashes with Clough in the past but is now performing with customary commitment in a side that has closed ranks and is now a tight unit again.

Young was at the crossroads of his career at Forest a few months ago when he was left out in the cold. It was on the cards that he would move on when he was dropped and replaced by Chris Fairclough, another young player waiting in the wings.

But Young was surprisingly recalled with typical unpredictability by Clough and has hardly put a foot wrong since, in a side that is gathering in conviction and confidence.

Says Willie: "It did appear as if I was on my way at one time and I had made it plain that reserve football was no good to me.

"Fortunately since I got back in the side things have gone well and I just hope that I can keep my place. In a way being dropped did me a world of good. It geed me up a bit. I had to sort out a few things and I regained my appetite for the game because at this club you have to give your best . . . every week."

BIRTLES INFLUENCE

But it was the arrival of Garry Birtles that really fused Forest into a potent force again. Birtles rejoined Forest for a cut-price £250,000 after a nightmare spell at Manchester United where 12 goals in 64 games were poor returns for a £1.25 million investment.

But Birtles' return from Old Trafford in September sparked off renewed ambition and he has since regained all his old confidence.

Almost immediately he struck up a prosperous partnership with Ian Wallace who scored twice in a 4-0 victory over Brighton. Wallace was the ideal foil for the leggy Birtles. He is alert and accurate around the box and those subtle flicks and feints gave him the room a striker needs in the postage-stamp space forwards are permitted inside the 18-yard line.



Birtles, too, profited from the partnership he was rarely able to establish alongside Stapleton at Manchester United where he became almost an instant target for the boo boys.

THE MASTER

Strikers live on the knife-edge of chance. If they are not scoring they lose confidence and their game suffers. Birtles was soon on the mark again and his whole game suddenly blossomed alongside Wallace and the jinking Robertson — the man who provides all the ammunition from the wings.

Coventry manager Dave Sexton, his boss at Old Trafford, clearly remains an avid Birtles fan and has already tipped him for a return to the England scene at a time when skilled strikers are urgently needed to give Bobby Robson's men the poise and punch needed at top international level.

"Garry is an excellent player to work with," says Sexton. His attitude is positive; his character is first class and he holds the ball superbly to create chances for others.

"I am very pleased he is doing well now and I am sure he will soon be pushing for a place in England's attack because he has the ability to pull defenders out of position which is vital to succeed at international level."

Yes, Forest are on the march again and Clough must be given every credit for his faith in a player who was written off by so many people.

Clough has an armour-plated resistance to critics, the priceless quality of backing his hunches and the ability to motivate and get the best out of his players. Like him or loathe him, he is still a master manager.

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Colin Benson's article in 'Centrespot' entitled 'The Scandal of our Kids Football Education' sparked a great response from our readers. We publish here a letter from Mr. E.S. Morris, a school-teacher from Charlton, who looks at the problem from a different angle.

Dear Mr. Benson,

I read with great interest your syndicated article entitled 'The Scandal of our Kids Football Education' in the Charlton Athletic football programme. Whilst I totally endorse your comments on the level of skill in English football and have great sympathy in your ideas to correct this deficiency, I'm afraid you made many inaccurate observations concerning the state of the game in relation to Schools' football. To enlighten you on all the relevant points would take a letter much longer than the article you wrote so I shall attempt to be brief and only touch on the main points.

Firstly, however, I should introduce myself. I am a Primary School Teacher with a great interest in soccer and a member of the Inner London Schools' Football Association Executive Committee. I also have been involved with the F.A. Superskills scheme from the beginning and I am the London organiser of the Superskills singles competition. I also run the local district side as well as my own school soccer team.

My main points resulting from your article are these.

1. Just because boys are playing football it doesn't necessarily follow they have not received skills training.

2. Teachers of boys aged 7-11 are rarely interested in soccer and do not see it as part of their job to concentrate on one particular game — most teachers teach general games skills.

3. The Superskills scheme falls down because it gives NO advice on how to improve skills. At present the only boys passing the awards have the skills already. A teacher with no experience of football coaching would find the scheme of little use as it concentrates on testing rather than coaching. (This point I have made to the F.A. and they intend to do something about it).

4. Why should soccer become a mandatory part of the curriculum? Why not tennis, gymnastics, squash, rugby etc. ad infinitum? Very little time is allocated in primary schools to the teaching of games skills — there are more important lessons to be taught in school. Teachers run school soccer teams in their own time, unpaid and often ignored by Local Authorities who have NO control and NO interest in school soccer. As you can see the local Authorities have no stranglehold on soccer because they refuse to even acknowledge it — no funds are made available and, to my knowledge, they do not provide coaches for school matches. As a matter of interest, the F.A. grants to Schoolboy Associations can only be spent on Secondary Associations. Primary Schools are



The article that started it all.

totally left out by any available cash injections into soccer.

5. Most soccer coaching of under 11's is in the hands of the many 'Sunday' clubs — very few of these seem to be interested in skills. Most of the competitive side comes from them and they are there purely for the 'glory' side of soccer. I presume these teams come under F.A. jurisdiction and yet they never seem to be blamed for England's International failures. How many of these clubs support the Superskills scheme?

6. How many Football League clubs would be interested in helping schools? My own local team have turned down suggestions for a closer liaison at least 3 times on the grounds that it would take up too much of their time and because we couldn't offer money for their coaching staff.

7. How many Football League clubs encourage skills training for their own players? Again, my local club had an open day and demonstrated their 'training'. Only ONE football was used and they only demonstrated football fitness training — hardly a good incentive to the hundreds of boys present on that occasion!

Grass roots teaching is essential in the game but it will not be improved until the various bodies get together and think it out. I have been trying, albeit in a small way, to achieve this for years, but have found it virtually impossible. Please don't blame the schools — they are all working voluntarily and doing the best they can with no support from Clubs, F.A., and Local Authorities. They are not against qualified coaches — they never meet them. Why can't pro footballers — many of whom qualify as coaches — offer some of their time to help (unpaid, of course) in schools? Most primary schools would welcome some assistance.

Yours sincerely

E. S. MORRIS (Mr.)

Editor: It is apparent from Mr. Morris's letter that circumstances are not consistent over the whole country. The point I was making was that the majority of schools do NOT receive skill training. If teachers do not see it as their job to teach the game properly then they should leave it alone. It is not a case of demanding that football be made mandatory, but breaking down the barrier put up by the ESFA which says hands-off to all professional clubs. The matter is so touchy that Aston Villa could not raise a team of under-11's to play a team of Norwich City supporters under-11's this season because the Birmingham ESFA is adamant that League clubs should keep well away from kids.



BOLTON RECORD

WANDERERS 1882-83



This week sees the start of a series of snaps offering supporters a pictorial record of the history of Bolton Wanderers.

And where better to start than at the beginning (top) with what is believed to be the oldest team picture of the Wanderers.

The picture was taken some time during the 1882-83 season — a century ago and some six or seven years after the formation of the club under the name of Christ Church F.C.

Pictured on the back row (left to right) are: J. Kennedy, G. Dobson, A. Bromley, J. McKernan, W. Steele and Umpire J. Parkinson. Front row: T. Howarth, J. Fallon, W. Struthers, J. Gleaves (captain), K. Devonport and J. Scholes.

Home of the Wanderers in those days was the Pike's Lane Ground but in 1895 they moved here to Burnden Park and our bottom picture shows the players, now in familiar colours, who played in that first season on the Burnden turf.

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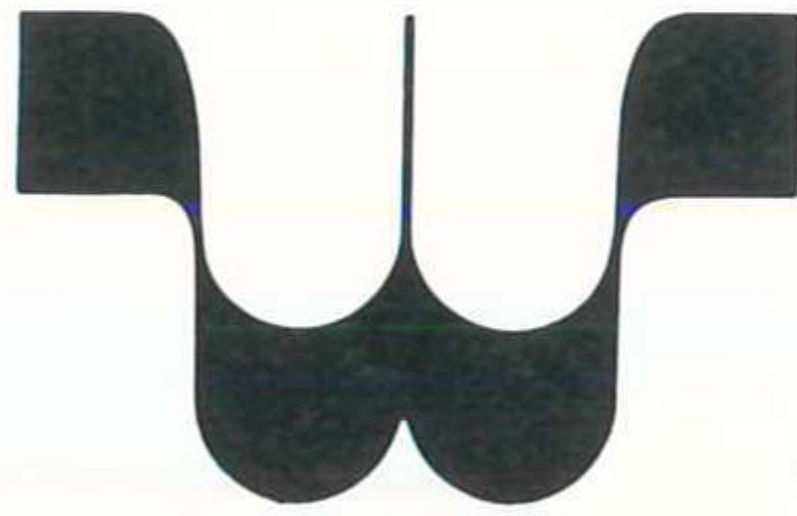
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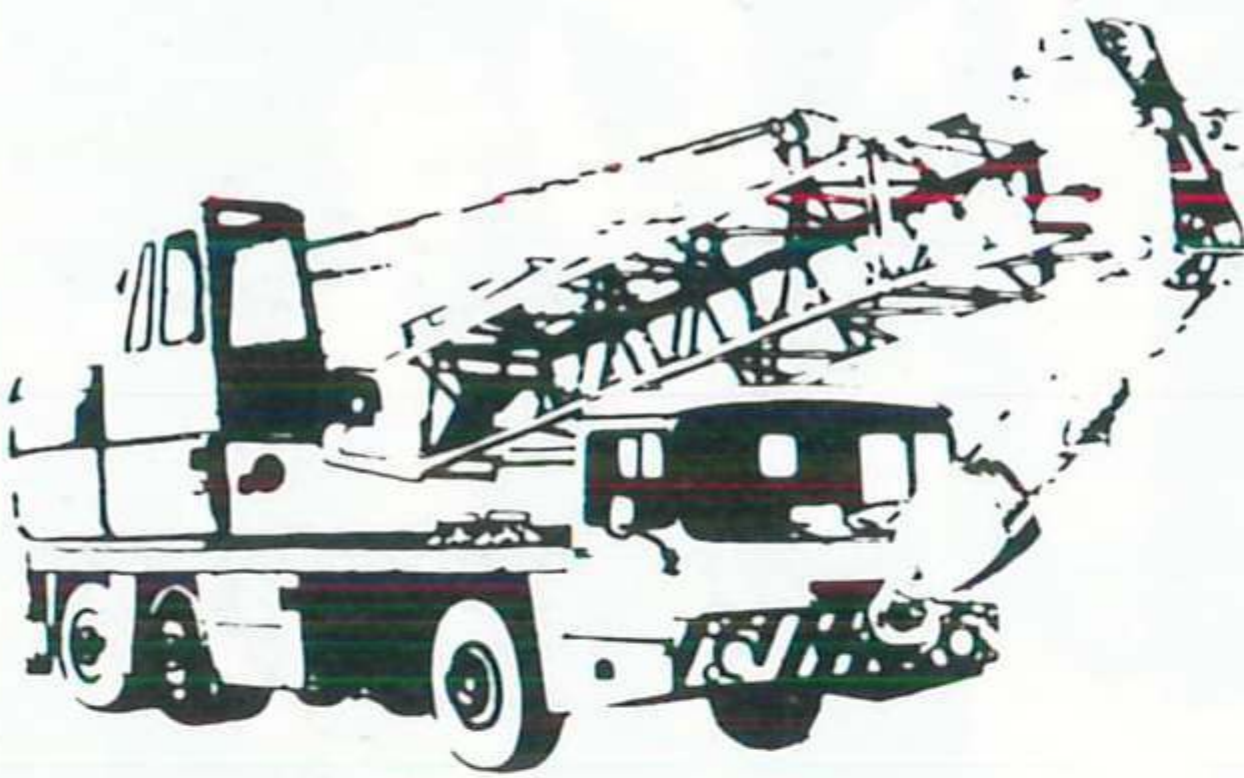


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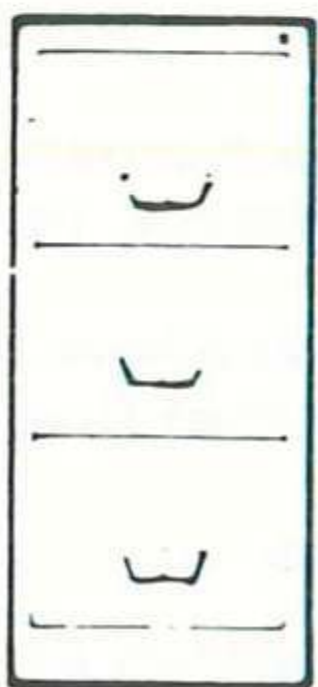
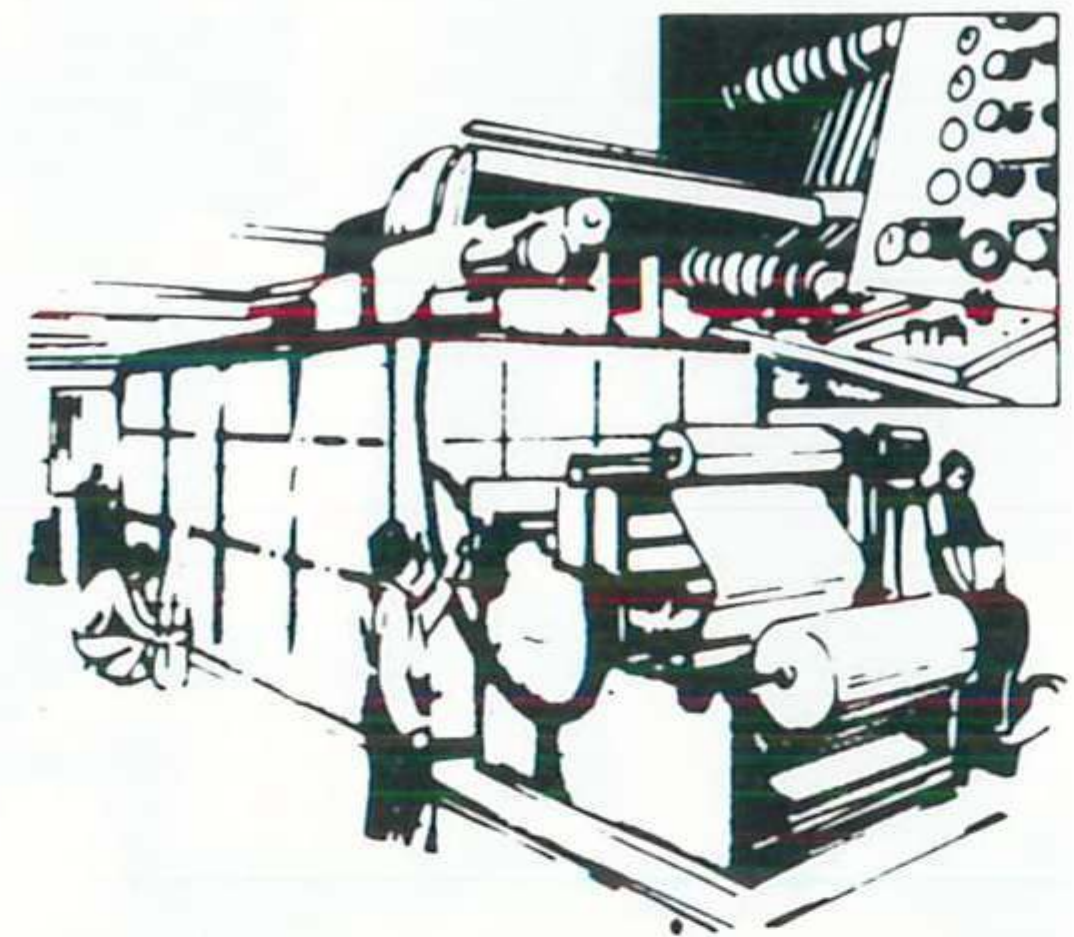


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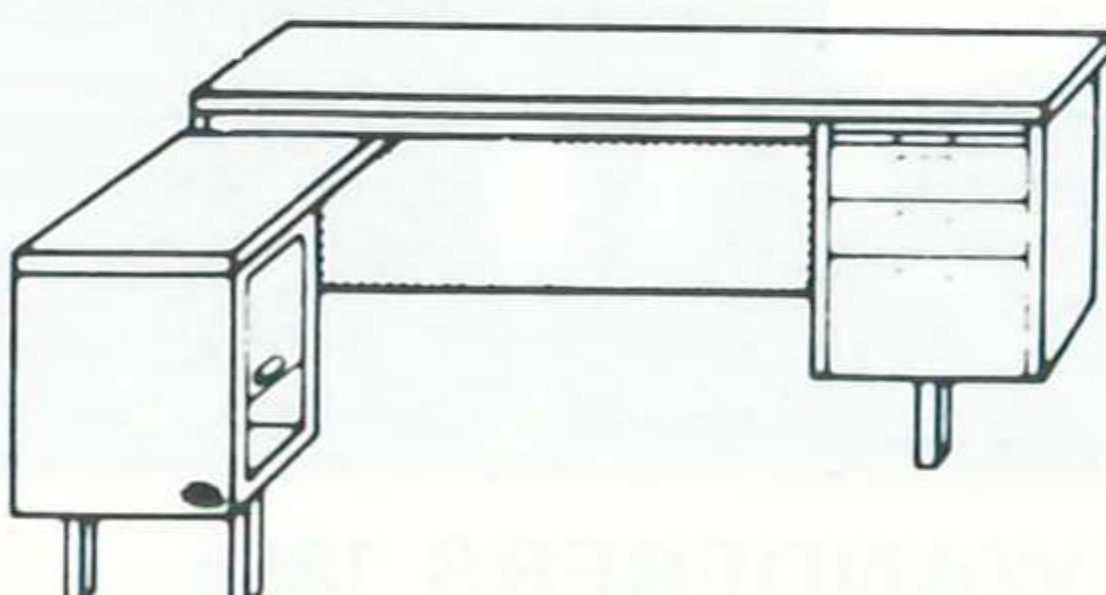
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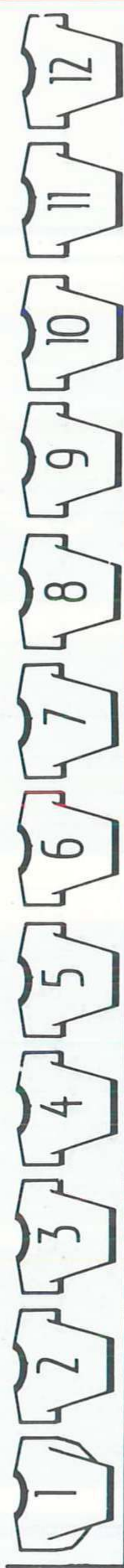
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April	2	Leeds United												
	5	Carlisle United												
	9	Sheffield Wednesday												
	16	Wolverhampton W.												
	23	Cambridge United												
	30	Leicester City												
May	2	Grimsby Town												
	7	Chelsea												
	14	Charlton Athletic												
	21	FA Cup Final												

NEXT HOME GAME
SATURDAY 2ND APRIL
v LEEDS UNITED
K.O. 3.00 p.m.

● Player substituted



LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

(Up to and including Wednesday, 23rd March 1983)

	HOME			GOALS			AWAY			GOALS		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Queens Park Rangers	32	13	2	2	43	12	7	5	18	15	65	
Wolverhampton W.	32	13	1	2	37	12	5	4	20	22	62	
Fulham	31	9	4	2	26	17	7	6	25	19	55	
Leicester City	32	9	2	6	32	14	6	6	25	21	50	
Oldham Athletic	32	7	7	2	31	19	4	5	19	18	47	
Shrewsbury Town	32	7	6	3	16	11	6	8	25	30	47	
Barnsley	31	9	6	1	32	16	3	4	14	24	46	
Sheffield Wednesday	31	7	7	2	29	19	4	5	17	19	45	
Leeds United	31	6	6	2	20	14	4	4	19	21	45	
Newcastle United	31	8	5	2	24	14	3	7	22	27	44	
Grimsby Town	32	9	6	2	30	18	3	11	12	33	43	
Blackburn Rovers	32	7	6	2	28	16	4	3	10	15	29	42
Chelsea	32	8	5	2	29	13	4	4	11	16	33	39
Bolton Wanderers	32	9	1	5	27	19	1	9	11	26	38	
Carlisle United	32	8	3	5	34	24	1	6	20	34	36	
Charlton Athletic	32	8	2	6	27	24	2	4	19	45	36	
Crystal Palace	31	7	6	3	22	15	1	5	9	23	35	
Rotherham United	32	5	5	6	16	21	3	6	7	17	28	35
Cambridge United	32	8	6	2	21	13	0	3	13	10	37	33
Middlesbrough	32	5	6	4	19	25	2	6	9	15	36	33
Burnley	29	8	3	5	31	19	1	2	10	14	30	32
Derby County	31	4	8	4	20	21	1	7	7	14	24	30

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2ND DIVISION FACTS & FIGURES

(Up to and including 19th March)

Team	Best Attendance	Average Attendance	Leading Goalscorer
Barnsley	23,275 v Sheffield W.	13,157	Glavin 12
Blackburn R.	14,421 v Newcastle	7,468	Garner 14
Bolton W.	17,707 v Newcastle	7,676	Henry 9
Burnley	20,283 v Blackburn	9,149	Taylor 12
Cambridge U.	8,124 v Chelsea	4,366	Reilly 9
Carlisle U.	16,276 v Newcastle	6,117	Shoulder 17
Charlton A.	13,306 v Q.P.R.	7,312	Hales 10
Chelsea	29,797 v Fulham	12,488	Filley 7
Crystal P.	17,996 v Charlton	9,909	Mabbutt 8
Derby C.	17,664 v Wolves	12,536	Swindlehurst 8
Fulham	17,196 v Wolves	10,126	Davies 16
Grimsby T.	16,137 v Leeds	7,970	Drinkell 16
Leeds U.	26,570 v Newcastle	15,579	Butterworth 9
Leicester C.	17,341 v Sheffield W.	11,245	Lineker 20
Middlesbrough	25,184 v Newcastle	10,262	Shearer 9
Newcastle U.	36,185 v Q.P.R.	25,204	Keegan 16
Oldham	15,658 v Leeds	7,086	Wyde 14
Q.P.R.	23,744 v Chelsea	11,125	Allen 13
Rotherham	13,791 v Barnsley	8,444	McBride 6
Sheffield W.	29,050 v Leeds	17,925	Bannister 13
Shrewsbury	13,336 v Wolves	5,396	Brown 8
Wolves	22,567 v Leeds	15,701	Eves 16



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BOLTON A6140 to intersection 5, junction with M61 4 miles	M61 north then M6 to intersection 43, junction with A69 107 miles	A69 to Carlisle 109 miles
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CENTRAL LEAGUE

Date	Opponents	Goals FA
1982		
Sep	22 Preston N.E.	5-3
	29 Burnley	0-0
Oct	13 Nottingham Forest	0-3
	20 Chesterfield	4-1
Nov	2 Derby County	3-2
	8 Rotherham United	2-1
	16 Oldham Athletic	3-1
	24 Notts County	5-1
	30 Wigan	-P
Dec	8 Sunderland	1-1
	14 Manchester City	3-1
	20 Bradford City	3-2
1983		
Jan	6 Chesterfield	1-5
	12 Derby County	2-0
	19 Port Vale	2-3
	26 Barnsley	1-0
Feb	2 Middlesbrough	2-1
	9 Preston N.E.	1-0
	15 Rotherham United	6-0
	23 Nottingham Forest	2-4
Mar	1 Burnley	1-0
	9 Port Vale	6-2
	16 Barnsley	2-1
	22 Middlesbrough	
Apr	30 Notts County	
	6 Oldham Athletic	
	13 Sunderland	
	20 Wigan	
	26 Bradford City	
May	4 Manchester City	



Bolton v QPR, Moores rushing in for a Hoggan cross

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"Buxted" have kindly offered ten turkeys to be given to a local charity by the "Player Of The Month". A local football correspondent will choose his "Player Of The Month" for March. And he will choose the charity that will benefit from this very kind donation.

Puzzle Page??

CLUB CLUE No. 18

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a famous foreign club.

**THEY CAN BE SEEN
NEARBY FOR A CHANGE**
Answer to No. 17 MALMO (HIDDEN)

MIXED DOUBLES No. 18

Re-order the letters in each of the words
RESHARE and CHEAP
to find the names of
TWO MEN CALLED "DAVID".
Answers to No. 17 Royle, Waters.

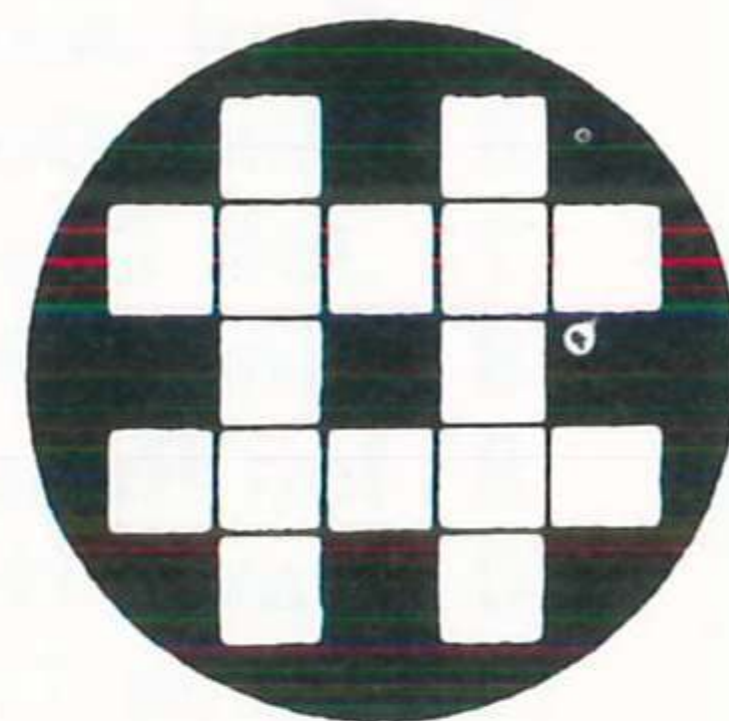
QUIZ

- Who was ITV's 1982 World Cup final commentator?
- Which famous Scot jumped under a train in 1957?
- Fulham Broadway Underground station serves which club?
- Which club is at home at Feethams Ground?
- Who, until 1982, was the current longest-serving manager in the First Division?

Answers to quiz in last programme: 1. Runcorn, 2. Stoke City (1863), 3. Alfredo di Stefano, 4. Benfica (1963), 5. Stan Mortensen ('47).

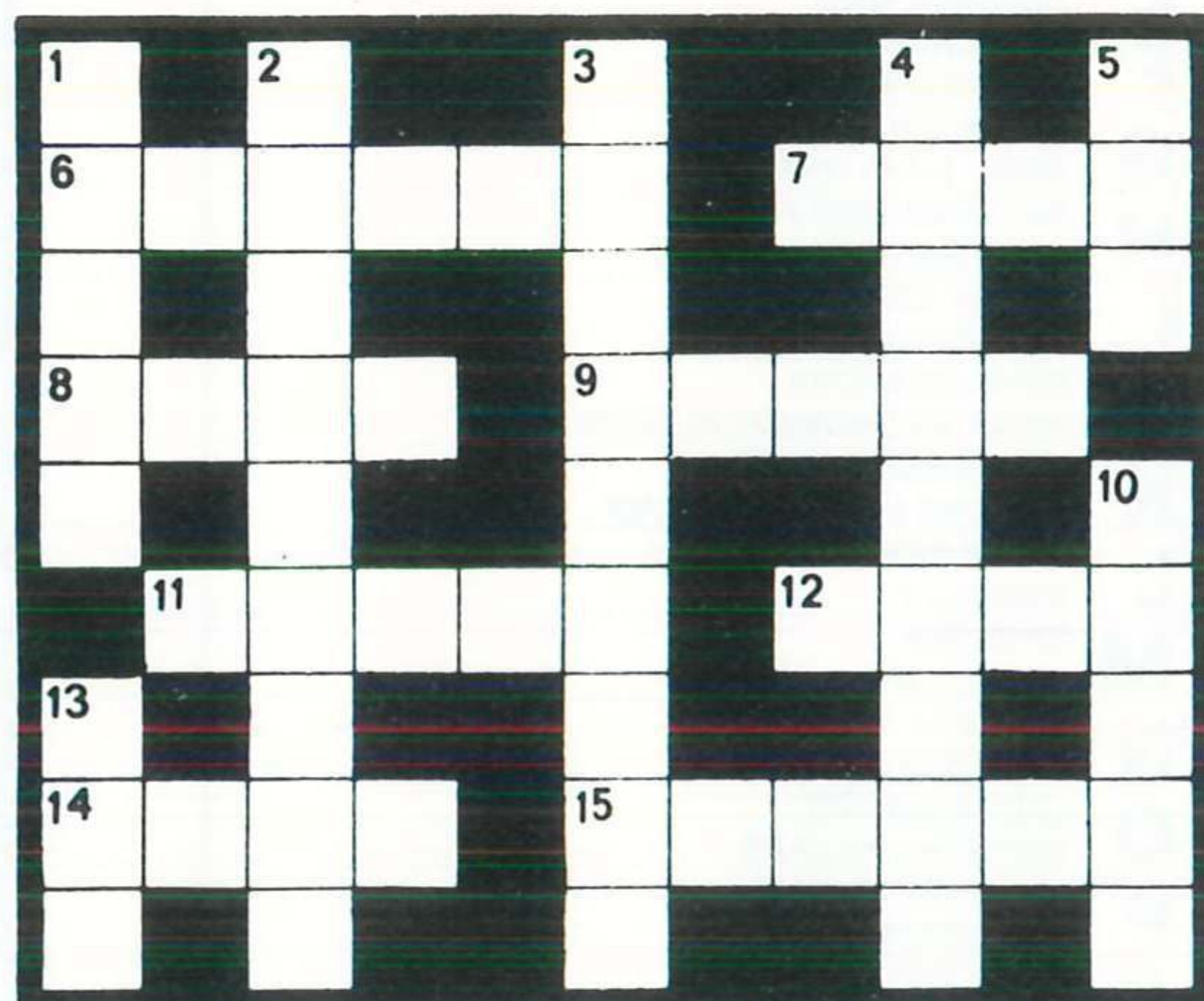
ON THE BALL No. 18

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.



Former Wales manager
1970 World Cup runners-up
Shrewsbury colour
Chester's nickname
Answers to On The Ball No.
17: Birch, score, Gerry,
dived

Crossword



Across

- 6 & 7. Which club belongs with Crewe Alexandra, Halifax Town, Oxford United and Wrexham? (6,4)
8. They're one way of getting the ball past an opponent (4)
9. National Federation of Football Supporters' — — — (5)
11. West Ham's top scorer last season, he moved on to a club which was once graced by . . . (5)
12. . . . this former industrious England inside-forward who had begun his career at nearby Bury (4)
14. Striker who played through the 1970s serving Everton, Bradford City, Chester, Cambridge, Rochdale and Port Vale (4)
15. Playing well (2,4)

Down

1. Midfielder who turned out for Bournemouth and Leicester last season, having previously left the latter club for a spell with Notts County (5)
2. Old Manchester City defender who played on with and subsequently managed Wrexham (3,6)
3. Training wear? (9)
4. Club promoted in 1979 . . . relegated in 1980 . . . promoted in 1981 . . . and relegated in 1982! (9)
5. Training where? (3)
10. Old Wolves, Arsenal, Stoke, Peterborough and England wing-half (5)
13. — — — Curtis, former Charlton and Mansfield long-service defender (3)

Solution to crossword in last programme. Across: 1. apprentice, 6. Putler, 7. See 12 across, 9. Ollie Kearns, 11. ties, 12 & 7 ac. Willie Bell, 14. George Best. Down: 1. Arbroath, 2. Pat, 3. eleven, 4. clear, 5. Blissett (Watford), 8. Devine, 10. Liège, 13. Lee.

BURNDEN STAND MATCH DAY TICKETS

Tickets for seats in the Burnden Stand are on sale on the afternoons of Match Days at Burnden Stand turnstile No. 57.

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TEAMS



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BOLTON WANDERERS

- 1 Jim McDonagh
- 2 Steve Whitworth
- 3 Mike Bennett
- 4 Neil Redfearn
- 5 Paul Jones
- 6 Mike Doyle
- 7 Jeff Chandler
- 8 Simon Rudge
- 9 Ian Rudge
- 10 David Hoggan
- 11 Steve Thompson
- 12

Today's Referee: ALAN SAUNDERS (Newcastle-upon-Tyne)

Commenced refereeing with local junior and senior leagues in 1968, then progressed to the Northern League and the Football League List. Refereed the Northern League Cup Final in 1976 and 1979, an England v. Scotland (Fire Services) match in 1974. He was Senior Linesman at European Cup matches in 1976 and 1978, the Quarter-Final of the F.A. Cup in 1977 and also Scotland v. Finland in 1976.



Linesmen: K. N. MAUGHAN (Stockport)
Red Flag
D. T. PHILLIPS (Barnsley) Yellow Flag

Scoreboard

DERBY COUNTY

- 1 Steve Cherry
- 2 John Barton
- 3 Steve Buckley
- 4 Steve Powell
- 5 George Foster
- 6 Paul Futchner
- 7 Mike Brolly
- 8 Archie Gemmill
- 9 Bobby Davison
- 10 Kevin Wilson
- 11 Gary Mills
- 12 Paul Hooks

A	LIVERPOOL	
	MANCHESTER UNITED	
B	BIRMINGHAM CITY	
	NOTTS COUNTY	
C	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	
	ASTON VILLA	
D	EVERTON	
	ARSENAL	
E	LUTON TOWN	
	SUNDERLAND	
F	MANCHESTER CITY	
	IPSWICH TOWN	
G	NORWICH CITY	
	WEST HAM UNITED	
H	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	
	SOUTHAMPTON	
I	STOKE CITY	
	WATFORD	
J	SWANSEA CITY	
	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	
K	BLACKBURN ROVERS	
	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	
L	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	
	BURNLEY	
M	CHELSEA	
	BARNLEY	
N	FULHAM	
	GRIMSBY TOWN	
O	LEEDS UNITED	
	CRYSTAL PALACE	
P	MIDDLESBROUGH	
	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	
Q	NEWCASTLE UNITED	
	LEICESTER CITY	
R	ROTHERHAM UNITED	
	CARLISLE UNITED	
S	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	
	SHREWSBURY TOWN	
T	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	
	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	
U	CHESTERFIELD	
	PRESTON NORTH END	
V	BLACKPOOL	
	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	
W	ROCHDALE	
	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	
X	TORQUAY UNITED	
	BURY	